MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether the Government have asked the Chief Engineer to see that all works provided for are not executed yearly ?

PRESIDENT : Whether there are instructions from the Government that the allotment for each year should not be spent ? Is that the question ?

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether the Government have considered the proposal made by this House to the effect that the non-expended amount of the P. W. Department must be carried forward to form a fund to be expended for finishing all the works left unfinished during previous years ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I believe the proposal has been considered.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know why surrenders are being made ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Because the Department may be unable to spend the money.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the reason for the department being unable to spend the money ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : There are several reasons. We may get the estimate sanctioned only very late in the year.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government are aware of instances in which money was not spent when sanction was available ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government are aware that, in regard to Kulavikonam *Chira* and Kakathottil *ana*, the amount sanctioned was not properly spent ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I take it that it is discussed in another interpellation.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Chief Engineer whether the land was surrendered or not for that ?

PRESIDENT : Let us not go to individual cases. The member can put half a dozen questions on every individual case in the whole of Travancore. That cannot be allowed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : It is just to bring to the notice of Government that, even in cases where lands were available, the department refrained from spending the allotted amount.

PRESIDENT : You can ask only general questions.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) . A word of explanation, Sir; when general question was put, it was denied and so I put a specific question to convince the House that the statement given by the Government member is not quite correct.

Thrikodithanam Primary School.

174 ***MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Changanacherry I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

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(*a*) whether the Education Department has closed the Government V. P. School, Thrikodithanam, Changanachery.

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, why it has been closed;

(*c*) whether there is sufficient room in the Government V. P. School for Boys to accommodate the pupils who were attending the two schools;

(*d*) the internal area of the building and the present strength of the school;

(*e*) whether tenders were called for improving the girls' school building and the notification was subsequently cancelled; and

(*f*) if the answers to part (*e*) are in the affirmative, the reasons for the same?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) No; but the girls' school at the place was amalgamated with the boys' school.

(*b*) The building of the girls' school was unsafe, while there was surplus accommodation in the boys' school building which was close to it. It was therefore thought that the two schools might well be amalgamated.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Part (i) Area 3,654 sq. ft.

Part (ii) Strength—740.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) It was considered better to provide additional accommodation by putting up a temporary building in the compound of the boy's school than by repairing the low and narrow building of the girls' school.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry I*): With reference to answer to part (*f*), may I know whether any steps have been taken?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, plans and estimates have been called for.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry I*): May I know whether it will be completed next year?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I hope so.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know the strength of the school?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

The Kuttapuzha Canal.

175 *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what portion of the allotment made for the opening of the Kuttapuzha Canal has been spent: and

(*b*) why the work has been stopped?

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